

10. The system of claim 2, wherein before activating the first dispenser the point of sale device validates the tag and offers a customer an option to pay through an account associated with the customer.

11. A method for validating a tag, comprising:  
receiving tag write data from a point of sale device after a tag detection start message has been sent to the point of sale device; and  
writing the tag write data into the tag.

#### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments. Claims 2-11 have been added to better define the invention. Claims 1-11 are pending in the application.

Entry of this Amendment and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited. In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited. Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2185(111039-00110).

In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to

render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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